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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 22, 2005, Applicants hereby elect **Species I, drawn to Figure 2**, for prosecution in the subject application. **Claims 1-3 and 5-11** are readable on the elected species. While the Examiner is of the opinion that the application does not contain a generic claim, Applicants, however, believe that Claim 1 is generic.

Applicants, of course, reserve the right to file a divisional application covering the non-elected subject matter and/or to receive consideration of claims to additional species as provided by 37 CFR 1.141, upon allowance of any claim that is generic.

Receipt of the initial Office Action on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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